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KU-KLUXISM!

THE PENDING QUESTION.

THE SOUTHERN COMMISSION AP-POINTED BY THE HOUSE.

ATTEMPT TO HEAD OFF KU-KLUX LEGISLATION.

General Butler Declines to Serve on the Commission.

[From the Washington Chronicle, March 16.] As will be seen by our Congressional report a select committee of thirteen was vesterday appointed by the Speaker of the House, to investigate the condition of the South and report at the next session of Congress. Of this committee Gen. Butler was appointed chairman, a position which, for certain reasons, he desired to decline, but which he was prevented from doing by the early adjournment. He has, therefore, written the following letter, giving the reasons why he declines to serve on the

To the Republicans of the House of Represen-

Having been appointed against my wishes, expressed both publicly and privately, by the Speaker as chairman of a committee to investigate the state of affairs in the South, ordered to-day by Democratic votes against the most carnest protest of more than a two-thirds majority of the Republicans of the House, and To the Editor of the Tribune : certainly against the almost unanimous wish of the Republicans of the States whom it most specially concerns, my self-respect and deference to your good opinion requires me to explain to you, and through you to the country, country, that facts which the Ku-Klux would why I shall not serve on that committee-being convinced, as I am, that no good but harm only can come of it to the Republican party.

First. Because this committee was forced upon the Republicans by the nearly unanimous | which I held until the 6th of this month, when vote of the Democratic party in the House, I was forced by the Ku-Klux to abandon it. I aided by some twenty or thirty Republicans should say, by the way of introduction, that I only, against the decision of the majority of that party in a duly called caucus of the members of the House.

Second. Because this committee was raised by a combination of the high-tariff Republicans with the Democracy; the one class willing to permit the slaughter and extermination of their political friends in the South if the troubles, and vexations, as well as dangers,

he does come; as the only method by which order of arrest, and imprisonment for his conthing against their Ku-Klux neighbors would

Fourth. Because my service as chairman of eering document that could be placed in the hands of the Democracy in the coming contest, in this, that the report of the committee would show the exact state of things at the South. go there would be sunshine and peace, and we on your committee in the Southern States I gressional committee of investigation, without personal harm or insult. Therefore, when Republicans should claim in the canvass that it the inmates. And I will say that killing and have such guard composed of blacks and whites, was necessary to maintain the Republican whipping are the order of the day. J. A. Moore, and thought that such action on the officer's party in power to have peace at the South and Wm. Dennis, and D. W. Tyler, colored, were, part would show the community that there was laws cannot be executed at the South and men's in order to keep the peace. J. A. Moore was half a dozen or a dozen reliable colored men to lives and property are in danger there, when the representative of Lauderdale county, a act as guards. you see that General Butler, the man who Methodist preacher, true to his race, ever dethe Democratic cause and breaking down the

ency and powers of the committee, my services had or heard the following Monday, that was difference, they had just received their orders would be useless, and I am not accustomed to the full import of their speeches. The Union and must disarm them. undertake to do that which I feel that I have party was growing, at all times; had been I was in the pulpit at the Methodist Church, by the lawless men of that section, but it does the life of our agent, employed by the Departno power successfully to accomplish. And it triumphant. The Ku Klux saw it, and rallied ready for the evening's service, that night, about not appear that any of them have been arrested, ment to accompany and distribute the mail, has Senate that the chairman of a committee should be named, called a meeting of be in harmony with the majority who constitute and the citizens of Meridian. Some spoke, and "we must administer the Word of God." I then notice. If the mayor and colored men of Meridian is the citizens of

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justify legislative action. The House is made been done.

will take it out of your hands." arise to the country from the labor or the ex- negro was shot he jumped out of the two- hundred white persons present.

his hammer fell, by which he adjourned the leave by 10 o'clock the next day. Their brothers." against his consent.

I have the honor to be, very truly, your friend and servant,

THE RIOTS AND MURDER AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI.

Statement of the Extled Mayor-Hundreds of Armed Ku-Klux Take Possession of the Town and Proceed to a Mock Trial, Coutrage, and Murder.

Sir: As my name has been in print in many

papers, in connection with the late murdering at Meridian, I deem it my duty to myself, the good people of Landerdale county, and my doubtless like to keep hidden should be made known. I was appointed an alderman in May, 1869. July 3, 1869, I was appointed to the office of Mayor of Meridian, an office went to the South to aid my brother in business in merchandise, without any aspiration for office; but office after office was literally forced upon me, and I, contrary to my own wishes, but desiring the good of the country, and the people, accepted. The Ku-Klux were not then so well organized as now. My trials, acting with them in pursuance of accept, but if I said anything about resigning speaking. I accordingly went up.

any witness can be brought before a Congressional committee and made to answer when unwilling is, the House being in session, by its order of arrest and involved tempt during the session only; so that any Federal appointee, but who was removed when would give his aid and protection to the comunwilling witness cannot be compelled to the Ku-Klux came into power. Mr. Price is munity, and, further, that if the officials at the testify to anything; and the witnesses willingly an intelligent gentleman, and seemed to want time on duty there were not ready to execute coming before the committee to testify any- nothing but justice. He had removed from his the laws he would cause their removal and apbe killed on their way home from the com- him to understand that I would aid him, or and quiet. There were a number of white men of the children and herself; gave her what mittee-room. I do not, therefore, propose to help defend him from the invaders, but he was in the audience who approved of all I said. money I had and left. I only went about threemake myself accessory before the fact to the advised to depart and get away. The Ku-Klux They remarked that I was right. The meeting murder of every faithful Union man of the have since preferred baseless charges against broke up quietly at about half-past five in the He soon returned to tell me that one hundred South who shall be brought before the com- him. These Alabamians, under the command, afternoon. This, it will be remembered, was mittee and give truthful evidence of the state as I am informed, of one Renfrou, who, as I before the fire. of outrage and wrong which I know to exist believe, was with his gang under the imme- In the evening the people (colored) got tothe committee would furnish the best election- them to Lewis A. Raysdale's hotel, and then I did not know it; I saw no arms. I then went there all that day. Another friend came there be wholly nugatory, illusory, and useless to diers. He sent them immediately upon Friday. In about one hour a friend came in and said I prayed for the help of the Lord. On Wed Whenever and wherever the committee would against some citizens whom I knew as the had gone to bed that night when Clopton, other- Hill, but am thankful that it did not stop, as I should be compelled so to report. Where we were not and could not be, banded murder, called to Jackson, and I was left powerless. Afterwards it was contradicted, and I heard on it looking for me. Then I left that place, that he had been beaten over the head with a and, traveling on foot day and night, got here robbery, arson, would stalk abroad at night, to There was no chance to have the order counbe disbanded by the rising sun. Besides, I termanded, and the soldiers returned. I will out to the fire at all. have not the slightest doubt that while serving state that I believe Governor J. L. Alcorn to On Sunday morning Warren Tyler, Isaac be a true Union man-a lover of his country. Radford, and I went to see the sheriff about

eral Ku-Klux entered the apartments where answered that he would, as he intended to have some persons were sleeping and killed three of a guard about the place all night. I asked to

sented themselves, but I got here in safety. ency will not do. Gratitude they have none. "for all."

Reciprocation of favors they never dream of. WM. STURGES. New York, March 15, 1871.

Statement of J. Aaron Moore.

[From the Mississippi Pilot.] J. Aaron Moore, the member of the State Legislature residing at Meridian, and who was reported as being killed in the disturbance occurring in that place last Monday, arrived, safe and sound, excepting being prostrated with excessive walking, in Jackson, yesterday morning. We interviewed Mr. Moore at his boarding house, in the afternoon, and took down in full the following statement of the incidents connected with the affair as far as he

is cognizant of the same. Moore was upon his bed and suffering considerably from exhaustion and lameness, but mentally seemed capable of taking care of himself. He made the following statement to us :

tariff could be saved even for nine months by were many. I wished many a time that some last, I was passing by the court-house in Meri-Brantly replied: "What did you say?" Tyan early adjournment of Congress, and the other person well fitted for the business would dian, and I heard some persons in it apparently ler repeated his remark, when Brantly a deliberate plan, carfully concocted, in my the whole Republican party would rise as one nis, sometimes called Wm. Clopton, was speakbelief, to murder and outrage enough Union man and remonstrate against it. The Ku- ing. I took a seat and listened attentively to The last I remember of it Tyler was retreating men of the South to overcome, by fear, intimi- Klux had made many fruitless efforts to re- what he had to say. I could not exactly make backwards towards the sheriff's room. I heard dation, and injury the Republican majority at move me legitimately, but always failed. Their out what object he had in view. There were the next Presidential election, well knowing that this committee can do them no harm, and month. They had a good man upon their Warren Tyler was the next speaker. He read I heard the shot, and the judge fell to the that it will furnish an excuse to the tariff Re- petition; they carried it around and worked and offered some resolutions. To the best of floor. I fell with him, he falling directly publicans to vote with them for an early ad- vigorously, but all to no purpose. The Demo- my recollection there was nothing incendiary upon my left shoulder. I was not hit, but the journment, without legislation to protect Union | crats signed for my retention in office; about | in them. The object seemed to be that some one hundred Democrats signed for my petition | steps should be taken to the end that the white before it was presented to members of the Re- and colored population should get in better wholly powerless for any good purpose. Sit- publican party. My petition was drawn in the accord, and that there should be peace and ting in the vacation, it can have, under par- morning and circulated at intervals during the quiet in the town. As there had been so many liamentary law, no power to compel the at- day. The next morning there were upon it colored people shot it seemed necessary that was soon firing all over the room. I heard the tendance of a single witness who does not 374 names. They saw that I was firm in my something should be done. I was called upon, marshal shout out for the firing to cause, as the being a minister of the gospel, to make some About three weeks ago about one handred remarks, and did so. The substance of what Alabamians came to Meridian, armed princi- I said was, that a concerted movement should Price, originally an Alabamian, who was a the State executive had said to me that he birthplace to Meridian for protection. I gave point men who would see that we had peace reached home, told my wife she must take care

diste charge of one Lewis A Raysdale, a citizen gether and beat a drum and marched about, of Meridian, bound their men with ropes, took but it was for no evil intent. If any were armed when I reached a friend's house. I stayed what they did I know not, but I believe that the captives were murdered. I asked Gov. belis ringing and the people hallooing, and I with the church, was burnt up, but I learned Alcorn, of Mississippi, to send me some sol- went to the door and saw the town was on fire. nothing of my wife and children until to-day. Saturday I busied myself in getting evidence that it was Sturges' store that was on fire. I prime movers. I intended to arrest them upon wise Wm. Dennis, was reported to me as dead. learned that there were a number of armed men

The sheriff said he was doing quite well. (The

ted, desiring peace, called a meeting of the men said that the sheriff had ordered them to more yet to arrive. Republican party by furnishing in my own citizens of Meridian, and there made speeches go out and disarm every colored man they could person any such argument with no counter regretting that a better feeling did not exist; find. Tyler says that he informed these per. Account of the Expulsion and other Outand begged the white men to aid them in put sons that he was also acting under the same Fifth. Because with these views of the effici- ting down the Ku-Klux. From the evidence I sheriff's orders. They replied that it made no

taken up an investigation through its own committee, having proceeded to a very consideruntil they should have burned the house. answered that if such was the case the better then struck out across the hills. It is supposed able extent in it, and made a report in part. There I stayed until the soldiers (soldiers, did way would have been to have put on a guard he will make his way to Jackson to misreprewhich certainly to every Republican mind I say? God forgive me for so dignifying the composed of both races, and have the city sent our people to the Governor. The killed shows a state of crime and horror sufficient to villains) had departed. The murdering had patroled all night. He informed me that the and wounded of Monday and Monday night to say to the Senate, "You are not competent The Ku-Klux will endeavor to make the which printed notices had been posted, and Dennis, Warren Tyler, Gus Ford, Marion the relief of the French. Steinway Hall was to perform the work you have undertaken; we people of the North believe that Judge Bram- invited us to attend; he wanted to see me White, Henry Johnson, and Isaac Lee, colored, lette was killed by a negro. They may make there. It was held in the court house. He and Judge E. L. Bramlette, white. A negro, I have no fear, that you my Republican some believe it, but I do not believe that any then went with me to the meeting. Mr. W. name not known, was wounded in the bowels, friends, will think for a moment that any con- of the arrested negroes had any weapon other W. Shearer desired that I should speak, but and Mr. Reed (white) in the arm. The dead siderations looking to the labor and fatigue of such an undertaking in the heat of summer and such an undertaking in the heat of summer and such as the such as the such as the such as the summer and summer and such as the summer and summer and summer and summer as the summer and summer and summer and summer as the summer and summer and summer as the height of the yellow fever season in the cused, and saw none. But in a direct line that the Governor was to be memorialized. Bramlette's funeral was very large. A lot of of the Day," and alluded at first to his own such protection, but neglects or refuses to do Southern States, or the fact that I should be drawn from my home to carry on the investigation of the Day, and alluded at first to his own men who left here on the Alabama and Chatthere sat one of those negroes; and I believe, ment into their own hands; the object seemed tanooga train just before day, in firing off their cussed various themes, but devoted especial tion during those months, after laborious and although I saw not the shooting, that one or to be to put the mayor out of office, with all guns a few miles from the city, struck and attention to the labor question. Of the late after it shall have put forth its best exertions. arduous service here for more than four months, many of the Ku-Klux, in carrying out their other Republican officers, and put in those of killed a colored girl employed on the farm of war he said :

in preserving the life of the country; and if after which he was thrown from the two-story master, when Sheriff Mosely rushed up and qui vive for offenders. Sheriff Mosely had all any good could come of it. I would be quite wil- window on the brick pavement below, and as said that Tyler and I must consider ourselves the saloons in the city closed, and gave rigid ment of Christendom. In Europe its aspect is ling to spend another, although when there bethat did not kill him, they then cut his throat. under arrest. I asked what I had done, when orders for the preservation of peace and the a political one; here it is a social one. We fore I was master of the rebellion within my reach and the scarcely less deadly and venoming the spend and the scarcely less deadly and venoming the spend and the scarcely less deadly and venoming the scarcely less deadly less deadly less deadly less deadly le and, as I was told, 200 in number. Many I should know why I had been arrested. He several additional policemen. The signs are men in France. They did not hate each other; I am compelled to take this mode to address good citizens of Meridian plead for me, as well said "for the speaking had last Saturday." that there will be no more disturbance. you in declining to serve, because the announce- as many in the Ku-Klux columns, who were He added: "I am told that you made a good ment of the committee was not made by the with them not from choice, but from necessity. speech." And Mr. Smith said : "Yes, it was speaker until after the vote of adjournment They appointed committee after committee to a lovely speech, to the effect that he wanted the troubles in Meridian, "without distinction and called it German, the German had built near Frankfort, Ky., and was arrested therehad been taken, and immediately thereupon wait upon me and to inform me that I must all, white and black, to go together like of party," a committee was appointed to in-

> every Southern State. The soldiery to be sent if they were trying him for what he did Satur- burnt Moore's house .- N. Y. Tribune. there should be quartered on the rebels. Leni- day night. The prosecuting attorney said Dennis, alias Clopton, averred that he was

had said or done himself. Several witnesses were sworn. Mr. Brantly, a white man, gave his testimony. At this time all the colored policemen were called in. The mayor had been in the room, but only remained a few minutes. The proscenting attorney asked on the street that (Monday) morning. He answered that he was passing along the street when he heard "this boy here" (he didn't know his name) say that "the Democrats were getting frightened." This was in answer to a question some one had asked as to the meanng of the notices of the meeting which had been posted near. Brantly testified that he called Tyler a d-n liar, and that he had a great mind to shoot him down or blow his brains out on the spot. At this Tyler said he desired Brantly to keep the floor for a moment. until he could go out and get two men who At about 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon would impeach his (Brantly's) testimony. a table near, and with it started for Tyler. blood from Judge Bramlette covered my clothing and arm. The firing became general. I cannot say who fired the shot at Judge Bramlette. I was at the time of the mind that it magistrate was killed. I saw that he was dead, and remained quiet. When the crowd was tion. He averred that he could not protect anybody. Soon thereafter I picked up my at and walked away, covered with blood, and everybody supposed that I was mortally wounded I only told one person that I was not hurt. I men were at my house looking for me. I there got down on my knees and prayed the good Lord to aid me to escape. I traveled all that night and until two o'clock Tuesday morning, nesday I had the trained flagged at Turner

On the train from Meridian, yesterday afterforearm. He states that he was taken out of day, was also arrested. He waived an exami- government stock, \$4,000,000,000; government four hundred blows, and is badly bruised. hanged one of these rebels' brethren; the man siring their elevation; true to his country, obeyed the order, went out and secured men, one of them shot him as he was leaving, when who brought New Orleans into subjection; the always trying to conciliate, and true to his God, and was going with them to the sheriff's office. the others fired also. He made his escape, man who is more hated and vilified in the South asking sinners to flee from the "wrath to Sunday night, when he met with a crowd of however, hiding in the bush, and got upon the than any other, can go through it untouched come." J. A. Moore, Wm. Dennis, and D. W. armed white men, somewhere between Dred. train yesterday, which, as stated, brought him Tyler, after so many murders had been commit Finley's and the court-house, and the white here. It is supposed that there are several

rages by a Rebel Paper. Since the killing of Judge Bramlette in Meri-7 o'clock, when Warren Tyler came to me and as were the negroes. It looks very much like been placed by riotous demonstrations along On Monday the Ku-Klux, as I think they said that if he were in my place he would have disregard of law when the mayor of a city is the route."

which, in the last House of Representatives, took more than a year. So that, without the leave of the Democrate, such committee could not even make a report and have it princed and inflater the end of the next Presidential canyass.

Eighth. Because the passage of the resolution is a seeming discourtesy to the other bears of the Legislature; the Senate having to the Legislature; the Senate having to the defermine the said the waiting of widows. The Ku-Klux cavalry in the waiting of widows. The feeling is such an order to take the origin of the Democracy." But we are truly grateful to the Courier-Journal for saying: or the Outrage to justice. The feeling is such an order of the first and the court of the outrage to justice. The feeling is the outrage to justice. The feeling is the origin of the Democracy." But we are truly grateful to the Courier-Journal for saying: or the Outrage to justice. The feeling is the outrage to justice. The feeling is the outrage to justice. The feeling is the outrage to did opening for the Democracy." But we are truly grateful to the Courier-Journal for saying: or the United States Marshal at Frankfort, suggesting the necessity of doubling the gard on paying to out the Parisal Marshal at Frankfort, suggesting the outr

white people were going to have a meeting, of are as follows: Killed-William Clopton, alias would deter me if I believed any good could design, shot Judge Bramlette. After the their own choice. I suppose there were two Marcellus Coleman. Efforts are being made

to apprehend the guilty parties. Everything ing all over the world, and that is the labor heans, is just as sure as the fact that those States posure. I have spent more than one summer story window, after which he was killed. Gen. Subsequently Warren Tyler and I were enumber a Southern sky to give what aid I could not be court room, and the court room, and the court room, and the court room, sider it the absorbing question. I contain the court room, and the court room, sider it the absorbing question of the next of the country from the labor or the expension of the two-lines and the court room, and the court room, and the court room, sider it the absorbing question of the next of the court room. There have been not less than five thousand At a meeting of citizens called to consider

quire into the origin of the fire which destroyed a Frenchman, and both were mistaken, just as in the immediate presence of the State Legis-House, so as to preclude the possibility of re- principle commanders visited me. I wanted to I arrived at the examination at 3 P. M., Judge the house of the colored man Moore, and the House, so as to preclude the possibility of re-principle commanders visited me. I wanted to signing the place thus attempted to be forced know the whys and wherefores, but they said Bramlette was presiding. The charge of making thought the North a nation of pedlars that crat) thought the North a nation of pedlars that crat) thundered against the law-breakers, as it apon me at the times. I believe I can demon-they came not to argue any questions of strate, even if a majority of a parliamentary right—the verdict had been rendered. They body can force a Massachusetts man off a com- treated me respectfully, but said that their alias Dennis, and myself. Mr. Ford, the prose- committee find that at the time the fire origi- we had seen each other on fifty battle-fields mittee at pleasure, that it is quite another thing ultimatum was that I must take a Northern-cuting attorney, asked what I had to say. I nated all the furniture in Aaron Moore's house that we began to know each other, and one of to Kentucky, not only has no reform been bound train. I yielded. At about 123 o'clock said I was not guilty and did not know any. had been removed, and that said house was the best results of the war is that the sections effected, but the Democratic organs, North and at night perhaps 300 came and escorted me to thing of it. I needed no attorney, for I had insured; and we are unable to say whether the did come to know each other at last. [Applause.] the cars. Some difficulties and dangers pre- done nothing. The witnesses were then exam- fire was the result of accident or design." ined. They seemed to agree that Tyler and Concerning the church, the committee passed I am much a sufferer in pain and feeling, Clopton had made flaming speeches, but that over that part of the subject very briefly, as but I believe that the State of Mississippi is mine was on the side of peace and good order. follows: "As to the fire which destroyed the able to indemnify me. Let me urge the neces- Afterwards came the conduct of Warren Tyler African church, we have not been able to get century. Men say it will take a million of sity of having martial law proclaimed through at the fire on Saturday night. Clopton asked any more information than about the fire which dollars to restore the beauty of Paris, but that

Ku-Klux Raid in Rutherford County.

drunk that night and could not tell what he Six Masked Men Attack two Colored Men in Their Own House.

Wiley Kimbro, a colored man, fifty six years ld, lives about two miles from Murfreesboro', on the Lebanon pike, on a farm leased by Mr. J. P. Berong. The other inmates of Kimbro's Brantly what he had heard Warren Tyler say are house Bill Kimbro, his nephew, and some colored women. Saturday night a week ago a party of six men, masked, and their horses also disguised, came on the public square at Murfreesboro', between ten and twelve o'clock, and going to Street & Andrews' hardware store, called to Mr. Hill, the clerk, who was sleeping in the store, to get up and give them some amunition for their pistols. The clerk refused to admit them while masked, when two of the party raised their masks but immediately replaced them. At this juncture a citizen came up and was admitted into the store by Mr. Hill. It is supposed this citizen procured the amunition, as one of the masked men called to him to get cartriges for a navy size Manhattan pistol. say, " We will have him if we have to burn the house over his d-d head." Arrived at Kimbro's house, they demanded entrance, threatening to break the door down, and procured a rail for that purpose. Failing to get in at the door, they partially pushed the window open and fired several shots through the house, one of which struck one of the women in the knee. This was after they had repeatedly called to the Kimbro's to come out of the house. While Pat Inman, one of the party, was endeavoring to get in at the window, the old man Kimbro, saying to his nephew, "Bill, let us stand together, somebody must die," fired at him with a musket loaded with ball and buckshot. Inman was instantly killed. In a most cowardly manner his comrades mounted their horses and hastily rode off, leaving the dead man lying on the ground. They also neglected to take his horse with them. In the morning some persons living in the vicinity came to the place and Inman was at once recognized by them. He was disguised by having on a white shirt trimmed with red, and his pants being turned

The two Kimbro's were arrested and taken before Esquires John N. Clark and W. D. Hicks, at Murfreesboro'. After a careful hear. and the only efficient protest that we have ing of the case, the magistrates dismissed the case, giving an opinion that the colored man

acted strictly in self-defense. Inman was a constable in the 9th civil district of Rutherford county, and leaves a wife and several children. The statement made by to submit to such laws would be enough to our city dailies, on the authority of the Murfreesboro' papers, that he was a Union man, seems to be incorrect.

He was never so recognized by the Union men of that county, and indeed was known to be quite the reverse. We are assured that the parties engaged in this raid are unquestionably known to leading citizens of Murfreesboro', and thora of capital in Great Britain is at the presyet no attempt to arrest them was made by the ent time exceedingly heavy in consequence of county authorities.

received by the United States authorities here, and killed. Only a short time before that sev- be perfectly safe in his hands that night. He portunity to get to Jackson. The other is day. Failing to give the bond required, he tained by considering the amount of capital Jake Batey, a baker, residing until recently in remains in jail. A warrant was also issued stock in which dealings take place in the Lon-Meridian, and who is severely wounded, having against Mr. Ed. Arnold, the sheriff of Ruther- don Stock Exchange, of which the following is been shot through the breast, shoulder, and ford county, and he being in the city on Thurs- given as an approximate estimate. British

went towards the depot. Thinks he was struck | The Attack on a Colored Mail | 000,000,000; stock of the United States Gov-Agent in Kentucky-Official Report of the Postmaster General.

General, in accordance with the provisions of the statute approved February 28, 1861, sent to the House to-day the following report of the eircumstance of the discontinuance of a mail 000 worth of railway shares, and bank, teleronte in Kentucky:
"I have the honor to report that I have discon-

tinued the mail service on the Louisville and Lexington Railroad, between the cities of Louis-

one reiterated after another: "The present took my text and commenced my sermon. In dian were guilty of incendiarism, the law should from Lexington to Louisville, when the train between me and that Democratic party, largely incumbents must be swept away from the face a few minutes in came Henry Kiso, and said have been applied to them. One mob is almost halted at North Benson, found a number of halted at North Benson, found a number of composed of Secessionists, old Whigs, and Know-nothings, who are the majority that sooner had they adjourned (I believe all was white people to go out and take away all the of Meridian and the surrounding country have large and powerful man, violently entered the planned) than some one made affidavit that the negroes had uttered incendiary speeches. (Let after armed white men commenced marching to take the law into their own hands. The Meri-Sixth. Because this committee was brought negroes had uttered incendiary speeches. (Let after armed white men commenced marching take the law into their own hands. The Meriinto being by a legislative trick—and not a creditable one at that—by which the wishes peace and some reward for their labor, which, fusing the congregation, and finally the meetof the Republican majority of the House have been thwarted by a Republican minority, by the sid of Democratic votes with which prothe aid of Democratic votes, with which pro- evidence against them. I saw the guns nu- formed me that a dozen or fifteen white men and we now propose to follow subsequently made to "fourth" day of each month gives balances of An ostrich, in good plant of the control of the co ceeding, as a Republican, I desire most effectumerously carried toward the court-house. I had been to my house. I said "surely they ceedings and sum up the results of the violence the military authorities, and a guard of armed seventh. Because the very resolution which seventh. Because the very resolution which apparent. I went to the court-house. The said surely they could be there for no harm, for I have done no harm, for I have done no harm to any man."

ceedings and sum up the results of the violence to my house. I said surely they could be there for no harm, for I have done no harm to any man."

the military authorities, and a guard of armed provoked by Warren Tyler. The citizens continued under arms all night and policed the mails, which they continued to do for five authorized the committee was so framed, and, guns were brought there. The killing was pre
I went to the court-house. The mains, which they had continued under arms an night and ponced the town. A delegation visited the residence weeks. A circular letter was meantine preauthorized the committee was so framed, and, in my belief, purposely, in the interests of the Democratic party, that such committee cannot report under the rules of the House in the face of the Democratic opposition, and, by their permission, in more than a year from this time, the usual power not being inserted in it, "to report at any time;" and being a special "to report at any time;" and being a special "to report at any time;" and being a special "to report at any time;" and being a special "to report the face of the Democratic opposition, and, by their permission, in more than a year from this time, the usual power not being inserted in it, "to report at any time;" and being a special "to report at any time;" and being a special of the being inserted in it, intending to n.ake as vigorous a defense as streets all the night through.

I went home, when I found that they had frightened my wife and little-children of; my wife came back soons. Presently a neighbor came in and told me that these same white men had been at his house, demanded and taken a squad of men conducted him to the garret, but there different squads of a squad of men conducted him to the garret, as a squad of men conducted him to the garret, but there different squads of a squad of men conducted him to the train bound for Columbus, Kentucky, and saw him safely on board. During the night the residence of Mayor Sturges and indicated that he had better go back to his New England home, to which he readily assented white men had been at his house, demanded and taken a squad of men conducted him to the garret which he readily assented which he readily assented to the better go back to his New England home, to which he readily assented to the better go back to his New England home, to which he readily assented to the better go back to his New England home, to which he readily assented in the town. A delegation visited the residence of Mayor Sturges and indicated that he had better go back to his New England home, to the town. A delegation visited select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the House, he called a select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the House, he called a select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the House, he called a select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the House the called a select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the rules of the House the called a select committee, it cannot, under the rules of the r On Monday morning I went to see the sheriff, ous and unlawful act, and a committee was doubted authority, that the life of the agent, order that there are a committee was doubted authority, that the life of the agent, order that there are no controlled the short of which, in the last House of Representatives, the wailing of widows. The Ku-Klux cavalry inquired if he had given orders to take the appointed yesterday to investigate the origin Gibson, would be in danger, with or without the "Radicals." Then there will be "a splen-

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The State of the South.

A government which is unable to afford sub-

stantial protection to its loyal citizens against

of that government, is hardly worthy of the

so, ought to be hissed off the face of the earth.

That men are daily killed throughout most of

the Southern States, because they are Repub-

politics in those States since General Grant's

election, and not one white Southron has been punished for such murder. Nay, the brutal

murderer of a white military officer at Vicks-

burg, Mississippi, walks the streets of that city

for, was taken out of the jad by a white mob,

was his duty to do, and the Louisville Journal

pronounced the state of things disclosed by

South, have suppressed the facts, and still

proofs of rebel outrages and murders now rife

at the South, and hounds on the Democratic

members of Congress to oppose any preventive

"The Ku-Klux programme has been mapped

out. Satisfied with the report of the Senate

committee, the President will send no special

message on the subject to Congress. The Rad-

ical joint committee of the Senate and House

caucuses, with Morten and Butler at its head,

will meet this morning to prepare a bill to be

presented in both branches of Congress this af-

ternoon, ostensibly 'to protect loyal citizens of

the United States in the full enjoyment of their

rights, persons, liberty, and property, against

Ku-Klux outrages.' Although nothing has yet

been done, it is supposed that a bill will be

presented authorizing the appointment of Uni-

ed States commissioners to take cognizance of

such offenses, and to bring the offenders for

trial into the United States courts and before

jurors that can take the iron-clad oath. The

President will be empowered to employ the

land and naval forces of the United States, at

all times and places, in carrying into effect this

new reconstruction scheme, and he is made

virtually 'military dictator of the South.' Mr.

Sumner called the attention of the caucus to

the fact that people in the Northern States, too,

of his intention to introduce a supplementary

civil rights bill to remedy this defect. The

Radical caucus decided to legislate upon the

Ku-Klux alone. The Democrats are preparing

to resist by all the means in their power this

new bill of abominations. All absentees have

been recalled to their places, and the coming

you that you are making up a record that will

expose you to a fearful judgment in the next

Presidential election. The people of the United

States do not believe in wholesale assassina-

tion as a political maneuver, and will uphold

no party that resorts to it. You may carry

most of the intervening elections, when the

issue is not distinctly and vigorously pressed

home upon the masses : but, when we come to

1872, you will assuredly be beaten by the votes

of men who are not politicians, and are now

not voting at all. We shall only have to drive

home the facts which prove your complicity in

the crimes now convulsing the South, and you

will inevitably go under. So go ahead, and

beat the legislation proposed by the Republi

cans if you can. We shall hope to outnumber

you anyhow, but if you succeed in defeating

legislation to protect the loyal men of the

exposed and subjected, your fourth successive

discomfiture in a Presidential struggle will be

signal and conclusive.-N. Y. Tribune.

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Wendell Phillips' Lecture.

A few nights ago Wendell Phillips delivered a lecture before the Mercantile Library Assocrowded to its full capacity. Mr. Charles F. Allen, the President of the Association, in presenting Mr. Phillips to the audience, said these who waylay, assault, maim, and kill them that it would yield one thousand dollars for under the instigation of hostility to and hatred

Mr. Phillips chose as his subject, "Topics name. A government which might afford cussed various themes, but devoted especial And it is too soon to affirm its inability until

There is another question that is now loon

generation, to civilization, and to the govern- negroes killed because of their color and their their ignorance of each other was made use of as freely and proudly as though he were the to create unfriendliness. While the Frenchman had built out of his imagination a demon white man who wantenly murdered a negro

But here we see two ferces thrown together | keep them from the knowledge of their public in Europe, to accomplish this last collapse of The World, which loudly vaunts its excellence civilization which we call the German war, and as a newspaper, systematically ignores the is hardly a consideration worth mentioning legislation by such appeals as the following: beside the graver aspects of the question. It has made the Prussian a system of preparation for a similar war that will monopolize all the energies of the State in that direction. They took three adult years out of every man's life merely to make him a soldier. Fifteen millions of people have given three years. Forty-five millions of wasted years wherein a man has neither planted nor sown to lease a mortgage on his fellows! That is to make the Prussian army now a nation able to dictate to Europe at the point of the sword.

As to the other evils and dangers he said : Two great dangers assail us in the future One is great cities, the very nuclei and centr of talk and trade, a class dry-rotted with in temperance. Our fathers thought when the had abolished nobility of blood they had secured democracy, but the nobility of a millionaire of greater infinity than that of a duke. West of us, those States newly grown and not merged into manhood have nothing but railroads. can take you to two or three of them, cob webbed all over with railroad corporations. There is not a rail in the State that has not the The party then moved out on the Lebanon pike, same name behind it practically, and when you the railroad, you find that there is not a lawyer or merchant that dare to mutter until that corporation sets the example.

I know you had a Legislature once at Albany you have not got any such thing now, only standing committee to register. | Laughter. be a jest. When a year ago, at Harrisburg in the Legislature, a member said: "If Ton Scott has no further business with this Legis lature, I move we adjourn." [Laughter and applause. I landed lately in a town where one man worth fifteen millions breathed for the town, and a little while ago he thought he would have a county. He counted a dozen towns and went to the Legislature and had them joined. Officers were elected, but the millionaire didn't agree with the officers, and so he packed his carpet-bag again, and when the next sun arose there was neither county nor judge. He had taken them up in his carpet-bag. If that channel that leads from Pekin to New York ever gets on its financial feet, and the great commerce of it pours into inside out, the lining showed as if they were your harbor, Congress will sit only as a committee to register its decree. [A voice : "That's so." You know it. Public labor with a problem out of which no statesman sees its exit. heard against it comes from a stifled voice of starved labor. Your papers print, with epi thets of indignation, or astonishment, or dis approbation, the position of the miners of Pennsylvania. Three millions of men ready enslave the rest of labor, and I say to-day, thank God, the miners of Pennsylvania have

The Wealth of England.

either nominally or really during 1870.

graph, mining and miscellaneous shares, the

total of which cannot be approximated. Dur-

ing 1870 there were placed on the British stock

market \$305,000,000 loans and \$85,000,000 of

joint stock enterprises, the latter comprising

\$50,000,000 of Russian and \$30,000,000 of

Spanish railway stocks. It is also estimated

well-known stocks and shares, and the other

half in new loans and joint-stock enterprises.

that a sum of \$16,396,530,000 was used in the banking business alone during 1870, and of

\$15,307,255,000 in 1869.—Public Ledger.

As another mode of obtaining the financial oper-

Ostrich Hunting.

Considerable attention has of late years been bestowed upon "Ostrich farming." On these so-called farms numbers of ostriches are kept solely for the growth of feathers for commercial purposes; the inclosures in which the The Manchester Courier states that the plebirds are confined vary in size from fifteen to twenty acres, encircled by low stone walls, over which the ostriches never attempt to leap. A the payment of numerous dividends of various novel plan, we learn, has been adopted near Information of the matter having been re- kinds, amounting for January, 1871, to over Grahamstown for hatching the eggs of these \$98,850,000, derived from the following sources: valuable birds artificially, by means of an incua squad of soldiers, with Capt. Danley and Capt. From dividends on English government loans, bator; the eggs are kept up to a temperature Bently acting as deputy marshals, went to \$33,500,000; Australian, Canadian, and Indian of from 100 to 105 degrees of Fahrenheit's should be treated with the highest and most disHe was no doubt misled in this matter of withDennis. I asked how Dennis was getting along.

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He was no doubt misled in this matter of withDennis. I asked how Dennis was getting along. region of terror supposed to be prevailing in J. P. Berong, against whom an affidavit had debentures, \$8,750,000; foreign government a cost of a trifle more than a penny for the would be in the farthest degree politic, and Southern men understand politics. I fully believe that I can go anywhere through every portion of the South, alone and a fortiori when at the head of a fortiori when at the purposes, and the value, commercially, varies considerable in accordance with color and quality; the long white feathers which are plucked from the wings are esteemed the finest, the bakery at 3 o'clock last Tuesday morning by nation on Friday, and gave bail in the sum of stock of the British possessions and colonies, which usually comprises about eighty feathers. and are worth from £33 to £40 per pound, protect our loyal friends there, they would be answered on every Democratic hustings, "You are not to be believed when you say that the laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and men's laws cannot be executed at the South and laws cannot be executed at the so water, a softish brush being at the same time ernment and of other States of North America, employed judiciously; after the scouring, the \$2,150,000,000; stock of South American feathers are well rinsed and shaken out to dry. States, \$340,000,000; and stock of the Central Next in value follow the long black and gray American States and of the West Indies, \$170,feathers, and lastly the small ones, which fetch 000,000, making a total of \$13,260,000,000 only about forty shillings a pound. Feathers worth of government stocks that changed hands obtained from the wild birds are reckoned to be more valuable than those plucked from the

The mode of hunting ostriches by the regular hunters has been thus described: The finest adult male bird is singled out of the flock of perhaps six or eight, at the season when the feathers are in the finest condition-that is, when the quills have not arrived at their full hardness or development; the plume of the feathers is then beautifully delicate and soft ; that the surplus capital and savings requiring these feathers are then called blood feathers, to be re-invested annually in England amounts and are considered of the greatest value. The to one thousand millions of dollars, of which hunter then follows it at a sharp trot, so as not one-half is invested in land, houses and old and | thoroughly to alarm the bird, but follows it up perhaps ten miles or more at the same rate of speed and then stops and off saddle, letting his horse feed and rest a little for about twenty \$880,685,000 for 1870; of \$848,645,000 for and each bird has from two and a half to three 1869; and of \$775,340,000 for 1868. Taking ounces of the finest white feathers. Some hunthe whole range of bankers' clearings, excluters will get from fifty to eighty birds in a sive of stock exchange settlements, it is stated season.-Land and Water.

> The testimony of a daughter of the parties to a recent Indiana divorce suit seems conclusive : "Father got mad because mother starched his stockings. Mother picked up the stockings and hit father on the head with them, and it sounded as though they were sticks of wood. Father then stuffed a hot wheat-cake down